

May 20, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE ADDENDUM
TO THE GRAND AVENUE AND ENVIRONS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached Addendum to the Grand Avenue and Environs Environmental Impact Report to reflect refinements to the Music Center Improvements element of the project to address minor operational, health and safety changes to the Spotlight Café structure and storage building and find that implementing the project refinements would not create new or more severe significant effects not considered in the project EIR.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will make minor modifications to the project description approved by your Board in adopting the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Grand Avenue and Environs Project on October 8, 2002, relative to the Music Center Improvements element of the project. These modifications do not change the impacts previously identified in the Final EIR.

The modifications to the project description reflect refinements to the project to include an interim remodel of the Spotlight Café and changes in the interior improvements included in the new storage building behind the Ahmanson Theatre. The changes are necessary to respond to health and safety issues identified by the Department of Health Services.

The project description included in the Final EIR called for replacing the Spotlight Café with a new structure. The proposed modification allows for an interim remodel of the existing facility to address immediate health and safety issues consisting of the installation of a dishwasher, replacement of the existing two-tub pot/dishwashing table with a three-tub pot/dishwashing table and the elimination of an existing employee restroom within the existing facility.

The project description included in the Final EIR called for the replacement of the temporary storage area located on the backstage side of the Ahmanson Theatre with a permanent storage facility. The Addendum does not change the size, location or design of the exterior of the facility, but devotes a portion of the storage building to supporting the food service operations on the Music Center Plaza. These support operations include employee lockers, equipment storage, an equipment wash-down area for food service equipment, and men's and women's handicap accessible restrooms to be used exclusively by the employees of the food service facilities.

The Addendum finds that these changes do not create any new significant impacts and so no new mitigation measures would be required.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This action has no fiscal impact to the County. The improvements are funded entirely by the Music Center.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Addendum evaluates the environmental impacts associated with the refinements to the project and determines that the refinements to the Music Center Improvements do not create new or more significant impacts. Therefore, an Addendum is the appropriate document for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On October 8, 2002, your Board certified the Final EIR for the Grand Avenue and Environs Project, including the Music Center Improvements element, and adopted the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which determined that the economic, legal, social (recreational and educational), technical and other benefits of the project outweigh and override the unavoidable adverse impacts of the project including impacts to air quality, cultural resources, noise and transportation/traffic.

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This Addendum, prepared pursuant to and in compliance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act, makes minor refinements to the project description of the Music Center Improvements element of the project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action has no impact on other services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects), County Counsel and the Music Center.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel
Music Center